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SUBJECT: RETAINING MIDDLE EAST FORCE IN BAHRAIN

REF: MANAMA 0519

1. GIVEN GOK'S WELL KNOWN ANTI-MIDEASTFOR VIEWS, WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT WISH NOW TO ATTEMPT ENGAGING KUWAITIS ON RETENTION PROBLEM. EVEN IF OUR MAXIMUM EXPECTATION WAS TO INDUCE THEM TO STAY OUT OF THIS AFFAIR WE FEAR OUR APPROACH WOULD RUN RISK OF BEING MIS-INTERPRETED BY GOK AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS AT BEST OR INTERFERENCE IN GOK-BAHRAINI RELATIONS AT WORST.

2. OUR CURRENT READING OF KUWAIT'S RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN ALSO LEAVES LITTLE ROOM FOR EXPECTATIONS THAT EITHER OF THESE COUNTRIES MIGHT PERSUADE GOK TO

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ADOPT MORE CONSTRUCTIVE STANCE ON MIDEASTFOR. HOWEVER,

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS ADDRESSEE POSTS MIGHT  
WISH TO MAKE ON THIS SCORE. KISSINGER

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